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STORABLE PATIENT LIFT AND TRANSFER DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DOING THE

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Examiner: T. L. Mayo

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1 - 20, was due March 17, 2009. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond has been contemporaneously filed with this amendment. Accordingly, this amendment, and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are deemed to be timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.